



# JUNE 2017 CALENDAR

## Holyoke Heritage State Park

**221 Appleton Street, Holyoke, MA 01040**

**Park Supervisor: Charlie Lotspeich    Park Phone Number: (413) 534-1723**

All programs are free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Reasonable accommodations are available upon request. For more information, please call the park.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Holyoke Canals Walk	2	3
4 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Beginner's Urban Birding	5 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Bricks and Mortar Walking Tour	6 10:30 – Noon Park Critters: Who Lives Here?	7 10:30-11:30 a.m. Create a Haven for Hummingbirds	8 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Holyoke History Mystery	9	10
11 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Beginner's Urban Birding	12 1:00 -2:30 p.m. Beginners Weaving for Families	13 10:30 – Noon Night Noises: Who's Going Bump in my Night?!	14	15 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Holyoke Canals Walk	16	17
18 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. The Trees of HHSP	19 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Paper-Making for Families	20 10:30 – Noon Park Critters: Who Lives Here?	21 10:30 – Noon Bird-Scaping with Native Plants	22 10:30 -11:30 a.m. Holyoke History Mystery	23	24
25 10:30 – Noon Bricks and Mortar Walking Tour	26 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Dam-Building for Kids!!	27 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. The Trees of HHSP	28 10:30 – Noon Park Critters: Who Lives Here?	29 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Holyoke Canals Walk	30	31

# PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

**Holyoke Canals Walk: Thursdays, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

*For adults and families with children ages 6 and older*

Join us for a walking tour of the park and the upper and 2<sup>nd</sup> level canals of Holyoke's mills district. Along the way, we will learn about park features and the history and function of Holyoke's canals and old mill buildings. This is a ¾ mile walk on accessible sidewalks. Meet in the Visitor's Center lobby. **Rain cancels.**

**Beginner Urban Birding: Sundays, June 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.**

*For adults and families with children ages 6 and older*

Join us for a walk through the park as we find, identify, and learn about the birds who live here in Holyoke Heritage State Park. Though not required, please bring binoculars if you have them! Meet in the Visitor's Center lobby. **Rain cancels.**

**Bricks and Mortar Walking Tour: Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. or Sunday, June 25, 10:30 a.m. – Noon**

*For adults and families with children ages 8 and older*

Grab your cameras, smart phones, binoculars, and your appreciation for the beauty of form and join us for a walking tour and learn about the history and function of some of Holyoke's mill sites and her canal system. This is a 1.75 mile walk on accessible sidewalks. Meet in the Visitor's Center lobby. **Rain cancels.**

**Critters of the Park: Who Lives Here? Tuesdays, June 6 and 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesdays, June 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

*For families with children ages 4 and older. Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

Each of the four programs offered this month will focus on a different selection of birds, mammals, reptiles, and/or amphibians who live in the park. Educational activities may include short lectures, identification, the natural history of each critter, coloring, puppets, book reading, games, and more. Meet in the Visitor's Center lobby.

**Create a Hummingbird Haven: Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

*For adults and families with children ages 6 and older*

Learn the best ways to attract hummingbirds to your home using feeders, hanging plants, and other permanent plantings. Meet in the Visitor's Center lobby.

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**Holyoke History Mysteries: Thursdays, June 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

*For families with children 6 and older*

Each of the two programs offered this month will feature one or more historical artifacts that harken back to Holyoke's heyday as a mill town manufacturing paper, textiles, and machinery. We'll learn what each artifact is, what it was used for, and what its relevance is to our modern daily lives. Meet in the Visitor's Center lobby.

**Easy Weaving for Families: Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

*For families with children 5 and older*

Though now known as "the Paper City," originally, Holyoke was intended to be a city of primarily textile mills. Still, high quality thread and fine silks were manufactured here. This activity is designed to teach participants about that history and offers a fun, easy, hands-on opportunity to weave your own piece of cloth. Meet in the Visitor's Center lobby.

**Night Noises: Who is Going Bump in my Night? Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 – Noon**

*For adults and families with children ages 5 and older*

Unlock the mysteries of just WHO or WHAT is making that noise in your child's night. Discover the many animals, birds, and insects which fill the night with sound and what they are up to during their nighttime ramblings. This is a slide, audio, and short videos presentation. Meet in the Visitor's Center Exhibit Hall.

**The Trees of Holyoke Heritage State Park: Sunday, June 18 or Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 -11:30 a.m.**

*For adults and families with children 6 years and older*

Take a leisurely stroll through the park as we stop to identify and learn about the different kinds of trees that offer shade for us and food and respite for the park's birds and animals. Meet in the Visitor's Center lobby. **Rain cancels.**

**Paper-Making in the Paper City: Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

*For families with children 6 and older*

Discover how paper—everything from cardboard to fine linen writing papers—was made at Holyoke's historic paper mills. Then, enjoy making your own sheet of paper using basic techniques. Meet in the Visitor's Center lobby.

**"Bird-Scaping" with Feeders and Native Plants: Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:30 – Noon**

*For Adults*

Habitat loss is threatening both our native bird species and those who migrate through our area to and from their nesting grounds. We'll discuss safe, responsible ways to feed wild birds. And, we'll learn about native, non-invasive trees, plants, shrubs, and vines that provide both food and cover for wild birds. Meet in the Visitor's Center Exhibit Hall.

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**Dam-Building for Kids: Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

**For children ages 6 – 11. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Siblings welcome.**

Come have fun and get muddy building a dam on our improvised “Connecticut River” while learning about the Holyoke Dam and its importance in the city’s industrial history as a textile and paper manufacturing center. Meet at the grass oval located on the north end of Holyoke Heritage State Park adjacent to Dwight Street. ***Please bring a towel as you may get wet and muddy! Rain cancels.***